

Resolution in Defense of Freedom of Speech and Corporate Accountability

WHEREAS freedom of speech is a cornerstone of American democracy, essential to civic engagement, artistic expression, and public accountability;

WHEREAS public figures such as Jimmy Kimmel and Stephen Colbert have used satire and commentary to challenge power, inform the public, and provoke necessary debate—often facing backlash for exercising constitutionally protected speech;

WHEREAS attempts to silence, punish, or deplatform voices of dissent—whether through political pressure, advertiser boycotts, or corporate retreat—threaten the integrity of public discourse and embolden censorship;

WHEREAS corporations and media platforms hold immense influence over the visibility and viability of speech in the digital age, and must not abdicate their responsibility to uphold democratic values under pressure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we affirm the vital role of free speech in sustaining a healthy democracy, especially when that speech challenges dominant narratives or critiques those in power;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on companies, advertisers, and media platforms to stand firmly in defense of free speech—not just when it is convenient or profitable, but when it is controversial, uncomfortable, or politically inconvenient;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we recognize and support artists, commentators, and organizers who use their platforms to speak truth to power, and we commit to building infrastructure that protects speech, amplifies dissent, and resists censorship in all its forms.

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